GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

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Organization - The Key to Fall Cleaning

Homemakers, are you planning to turn your home inside out this fall with cleaning. Help speed up cleaning by organizing supplies and equipment. This is the key to faster completion of any job. Save steps by preparing a well-stocked carrying caddy of necessary items for a given area. Use a basket or carton lined with soft towels to carry bric-a-brac and decorative pieces to the sink for washing.

A double sided pail is very handy, or if you do not have this, use two pails - one for cleaning and one for rinsing at a job site. An ample supply of sponges or soft old cloths for washing, dusting, rinsing and polishing is also very helpful. A sturdy stepstool or ladder is a must for reaching high places. Brooms, mops, scrub brushes, steel wool pads and an old bath mat for kneeling should also be gathered together before approaching any clean-up project. A very handy something to have in your cleaning caddy is an old toothbrush,cotton swabs or pipe cleaners.These are very valuable aids in working lather into crevises and hard to reach places.

Besides the necessary cleaning agents, such as soaps and cleansers, check supplies of polishes and waxes for floors, furniture, silver and other metals. Be sure to have on hand any other special cleaning agents necessary for completing the fall cleaning job. It is wise to decide what you are going to do, make a careful shopping list and then purchase your items before beginning. This will save you having to change clothes in the midst of a cleaning project to go get one something you might need.

There isn't a room in the house where cleaning can't be speeded along with the right cleaners, the right applicators and good organization. This will make your fall cleaning a pleasant task in which you can have pride in doing and enjoyment in seeing the finished product.

Put your vacuum cleaner to good use. A crevice tool gets into corners of drawers, picture frames and baseboards. The dusting brush picks up dust from everywhere - - lamp shades, bookcases, walls and baseboards. A floor polisher, scrubber and rug shampooer can make cleaning carpets and floors less tedious. These may be rented if you do not own one.

Select a place with a sturdy table and an easy to wash floor for doing heavy-duty jobs, such as washing window shades. Now is the time for taking venetian blinds outside. You can attach these to your clothesline and do the job right outside with the good sunny days we have been having. A good table top offers a good place for polishing silver and washing picture frame glass. In addition, you can sit while working, if you do select a table. Protect the table with a sheet of plastic or an old shower curtain before using as a work surface.

Be cautious in using newspaper. Many people will use newspaper to cover a surface while cleaning, such as a table top or even a floor, and then they find they have to clean up the newsprint from the newspaper. Sometimes newspaper can cause us more problems than do us good when cleaning.

When house cleaning is complete, store all supplies and equipment in a convenient location. Put your materials away organized, so they will be ready to do their job the next time they are needed. There are numerous space savers available, which can be attached to closet walls or doors to aid in the storage of cleaning products and tools. Make a list of household cleaners which need to be replaced prior to the next cleaning projects. Launder cloths and sponges and put these away in a special spot so they, too, will be ready next time. Wash, rinse and dry brooms, mops, vacuum attachments and even the vacuum cleaner caddy before storing.

Fall cleaning gives one a great deal of satisfaction. It also will make your family environment more pleasant this winter. It can be a pleasant job and a much easier job if the homemaker is organized before she begins the task and then puts everything away in an organized fashion for the next time.

Homemakers, if you have a homemaking question or problem, please call or write the Appomattox County Extension Office. Our phone number is 352-8244 and our P.O. Box is 488, Appomattox, Virginia 24522. Have a good week$

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Fresh Apple Cake

1 c. shortening (margarine)
2 c. sugar
4 eggs
2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
½ c. water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups apples, chopped finely
1 c. chopped pecans-optional

Cream shortening with sugar and eggs until light; add sifted dry ingredients alternately with water. Fold in vanilla, apples and pecans. Pour into 2 prepared loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. This cake will freeze well.

NOTE: This apple cake uses margarine rather than oil and is not as oily in flavor and texture.
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Q - Is there any time limit on when a veteran's widow can apply for his burial allowance?

A - Application for burial allowance must be made within two years after the veteran's burial or cremation.

Q - I served in World War II. Is it true that I may be entitled to a VA pension in addition to my Social Security now that I am 65 years of age?

A - You may be entitled to a VA pension, but only if you have limited income and assets. You should contact your nearest VA regional office for information and assistance in making application.

Q - What period is considered wartime service for pension purposes during the Korean Conflict?

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